

MARTIN PEREZ, ESQ.

Martin Perez, the President of the Latino Leadership Alliance of New Jersey, is one of the most prominent and respected Latino community leaders in the United States. Mr. Perez grew up in Puerto Rico and studied at the University of Puerto Rico, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Labor Studies. Mr. Perez earned a Master's Degree in Secondary Education from Seton Hall University and a Juris Doctor Degree from Rutgers University Law School.

After graduating from the University of Puerto Rico, Mr. Perez worked as a labor organizer for the Unión Nacional de Trabajadores (National Workers Union). He later moved to New York City, where he worked as the Executive Director of the Look Up Children's Center. While living in New York City, Mr. Perez was one of the leaders of the Committee to Support the Farm Workers (C.A.T.A.) He wrote articles and traveled throughout various states, lecturing and drumming up support for the cause of the farm workers. Mr. Perez's accomplishments are vast and include Directing Project Puente at Middlesex County College, teaching and working in various positions at Rutgers University and as a trial attorney for the Office of the Public Defender in Hudson County. In 1988, he partnered with his wife Patricia Bombelyn to found the law firm of Perez & Bombelyn. As an attorney, he has fought tirelessly for the civil rights of Latinos, African Americans, and other underrepresented groups in the United States.